# U.S.-Antigua and Barbuda Partnership Fast Facts 2022



The United States of America works with Antigua and Barbuda to increase security, prosperity, and democracy in the Caribbean. A beneficiary of large regional programs like the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) and small community-based grants, Antigua and Barbuda is an important regional partner of the United States.



#### Health

The United States, through U.S. Southern Command, donated two 40-bed mobile field medical facilities valued at more than US\$1.2 million. The project trained medical professionals and emergency responders in disaster preparedness.



### **Entrepreneurship**

The U.S. Embassy launched the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, connecting Antiguan and Barbudan women to a global network and an online business development program through Arizona State University.



#### Pandemic Response

The United States bilaterally donated 40,950 Pfizer vaccines to the people of Antigua and Barbuda and facilitated the delivery of an additional 60,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses through the COVAX facility.



U.S. Southern Command donated US\$300,000 in maritime equipment to the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force Coast Guard.

# **Important Facts**

US\$3.6 million from USAID supports the Caribbean Educational Research Initiative, an educational research center focused on primary education development. The partnership with the University of the West Indies will assist education policymakers in Antigua and Barbuda and throughout the Eastern Caribbean to enhance innovation and student achievement in the classroom.

The Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) online network and Global Entrepreneurship Network Startup Huddle support entrepreneurs throughout Antigua and Barbuda to start and scale their businesses. With YLAI alumni support, the U.S. Embassy invested US\$25,000 in the creation of the first eSports Club in the Eastern Caribbean, engaging young Antiguans in STEM fields, sports, and game design.

As part of the US\$10 million CariSECURE project, USAID worked with local stakeholders to build a standardized regional crime data system to foster evidence-based decision making and keep the Caribbean, including Antigua and Barbuda, safe.

#### **American Corner**

The American Corner at the Antigua Public Library conducts regular education, business, and cultural programs. Contact the Corner coordinators at +1 (268) 460-5023. Visit bb.usembassy.gov for more information.

## Congratulations!

U.S. international military education and training programs graduated five Antiguans from U.S. military schools, with courses in officer and non-commissioned officer military professional development and leadership.







